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TODAY and TOMORROW

Asia's Firm Stand

ANGLO-AMERICAN propagandists claim that Roosevelt and Churchill are now conferring with Stalin mainly over the problem of world peace and security. The outcome, however, which is a foregone conclusion, will not be the palm of permanent peace but the scourge of eternal war. Indeed, nothing else can come from the greedy and power-thirsty nations of America and Britain.

Before the European and the Greater East Asia Wars, America and Britain gibbered and jabbered about an indivisible peace. But the direct result of all their talks and activities was all-out war. Similarly their present talks about mutual co-operation between Russia, America and Britain is in effect only a preparation by all these three powers for fighting against one another.

If America really wanted peace, she should have curbed her grabbing propensities and her ambition to exploit other nations. Instead of that, she involved herself in the European war and provoked the Greater East Asia War by trying to expand her economic imperialism all over the world. Her talks about world peace, therefore, are meaningless so long as the elements of war are inherent in her system.

The British also claim that they want world peace. But they want to keep India in eternal slavery—India and the smaller nations of the Middle East and Burma and parts of Asia. They want also to share in the economic domination of China and other parts of Asia. They want spheres of influence in Europe such as Greece. These are the ways in which Britain is struggling for world peace!

Indeed America and Britain want a peace in which they alone will have strength and power and in which they alone will be absolute masters and overlords. In India and Asia, they want to establish a peace in which the peoples of India and Asia will be slaves and beggars. But the nations of India and Asia will never let the anti-Axis powers have such a peace—the peace of the grave. All Asia will fight and fight bitterly and with unrelenting determination until Anglo-American tyranny and exploitation are crushed and destroyed. Then only will the elements of war in Asia be completely eradicated and true and lasting peace ensue.

Chungking Admits Loss Of Another Vital Airbase

Lisbon, February 6 (Domei)—The Chungking High Command today admitted that another important airbase east of the Canton-Hankow railway was lost on Saturday when Nipponese forces smashing into Northern Kwangtung Province occupied Nanyung, according to a Chungking dispatch.

NIPPON ARMY STILL HOLDS MANILA CITY

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Enemy's Huge Losses In Men And Material For Insignificant Gains

(By A Domei War Cor.)

At the Philippine Front, February 7 (Domei)—Nippon forces still hold Manila City, south of the Pasig River, while enemy forces were so far able to wrest only part of the city at a heavy cost in men and materials. The enemy force, which penetrated into the northern fringe of the city on the evening of February 3 with the support of tanks and armoured cars together with enemy airborne troops who landed on Kalokan airfield, in the northern suburbs of Manila, were engaged and severely dealt with by our garrison troops in the vicinity of Santo Tomas and Far Eastern Universities with the result that these enemy invaders were able to capture only part of the city by Tuesday.

Thus, Nippon garrison forces have a firm grip on the important area of Manila City on the southern bank of the Pasig River running through the heart of the city. Due to effective opposition by our forces enemy troops have been nailed down in the areas north of the river, and all enemy attempts to cross the river to the southern bank have so far been checkmated.

The whole area of the city's business centre along the Avenita Rizal north of the Pasig River has been destroyed by enemy gunfire. The entire area along the Pasig River is now enveloped in flames.

Our forces holding positions in the Clark Field sector continue to deal heavy blows to enemy troops operating in the vicinity. Up to yesterday, February 6, our forces in this sector are known to have shot down 22 enemy planes, destroyed seven enemy tanks and ten odd motor vehicles, and also either captured or destroyed a large number of machineguns and trench mortars. In addition, our forces accounted for many enemy casualties by carrying out repeated storming night attacks against enemy lines.

Enemy artillery units operating in this sector made sporadic bombardments against our positions during Tuesday, Feb. 6, while enemy troops are known to be constructing their positions in this sector facing our positions.

Meanwhile, the enemy made intensive air bombardment against our positions on Corregidor during Monday night which was followed up with ship bombardment the following day. These enemy attacks against Corregidor are taken to indicate the enemy's intention to reach the Manila sector from the sea via the channel north of Corregidor.

British Attempt At Vilification Of Mrs. Pandit

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Vijayalakshmi's Press Statements Unnerve British Diehards

The downright denunciation of British Imperialism in India by Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit in her various speeches and statements in America recently, is already having a bomblike effect on the panic-stricken British authorities.

This is clearly revealed in the latest reports received here yesterday. The British News Agency Reuter and the British Press, echoeing the nervousness that has gripped the British minds, are vehemently attacking Mrs. Pandit's statements, and have already launched a most derogatory campaign against her. The Reuter News Agency, in a mean attempt to minimise the force of her dynamic personality, describes her, in a report from New York today, as a feminist, whatever that may mean.

Continuing, the Reuter despatch says that the American Press has shown little interest in her speeches and statements of which only very scanty reports are being published. According to well-informed observers, the British Press has obviously conspired with the Press in America to belittle and distort her bold and frank statements.

But, these observers remark, the Anglo-American Press today can no longer fool the world.

Great Enemy Losses In Manila Admitted

Lisbon, February 6 (Domei)—Determined Nipponese resistance groups, battling behind sandbag barricades in Manila, are taking a heavy toll of American casualties in keeping with what is believed to be General Yamashita's plan of wresting a "blood victory" over the Americans before pulling out minor Nipponese contingents from the Philippines capital, according to information received here today.

John Leonard, Reuter's correspondent, reported from Manila that the Americans have incurred "severe loss to themselves" in the fighting in Northern Manila. Some Nipponese machinegun squads are making a grim stand, blazing out against American attempts to advance, while snipers and grenade parties constantly are menacing American troops, he said.

THOROUGH & RUTHLESS EXPLOITATION OF INDIA'S BIG RESOURCES PLANNED

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To Offset Devastating Br. Losses In Various Theatres Of War

(By a Domei Correspondent)

Tokyo, Feb. 6 (Domei)—In a frantic effort to recoup Britain's severe losses on the various war fronts the British Government in India is now devising ways and means for a most thorough exploitation of India's foodstuff, material and manpower resources for the Anglo-American war efforts.

Even in peace time Britain was bleeding India white. By paying colossal sums to British officials in India, by billetting on the country a huge British army which served no legitimate Indian need but only imperial interests and by other means of exploitation, Britain was keeping India in the depths of soul-killing poverty. This war which Britain is waging for her own selfish purpose has further enormously added to the already staggering burden of poor India's resources.

Two months ago Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member, disclosed in the Central Assembly that up to the end of the 1942-43 period India's so-called defence expenditure amounted to 494 crores and 22 lakhs of rupees. Revised estimates for 1943-44 and budget estimates for 1944-45 provide, according to him, for a further sum of 602 crores and 15 lakhs to be borne by India. And this is not all. India has also to write off her sterling balances which amount to 1,169 crores of rupees because Britain is already insolvent and will be so for many years to come in the opinion of many international monetary experts.

Just imagine what a terrible loss this total of nearly 2,300 crores of rupees is to a country where even in normal times 45 to 50 per cent. of the people do not know from year to year what a square meal is. Sterling balances have been accumulated as Sir Chunilal Mehta, Chairman of the Indian delegation to the International Business Conference, has pointed out in a printed statement submitted by him to the conference "through the sweat, blood, toil and tears of the Indian people."

Purchases in India by the Government of India for war purposes and on behalf of the British Government and United Nations' for the war effort—to quote Sir Chunilal Mehta's words—have been made at very low prices compared to prices at which supplies were available to the civilian population. That is to say, the so-called purchases of Indian goods by the British Government were more or less confiscations which have led, according to Sir Chunilal,

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Internment Order On Noted Indian Editor Denounced

The British policy of repression in India is severely condemned by Indians both at home and abroad. The Indian Journalists and Writers' Association in London held an emergency meeting on Tuesday and passed a strongly-worded resolution protesting against the internment order served by the British authorities in India on the well-known journalist and Congressman, Babu Murali Manohar Prasad, Editor of the "Searchlight," Patna.

It will be recalled that the British authorities recently passed internment orders on Babu Murali Manohar Prasad and four other prominent Congressmen of Bihar including the former Congress Premier Babu Srikrishna Sinha, the former Congress Finance Minister, Babu Anugraha Narain Sinha, and others.

They were interned within their respective villages for passing a resolution at a Congress Workers' meeting in Bihar last month, to take steps for the further intensification of the anti-British revolution in India and thereby to carry out the nation's resolve to oust the British from the Indian soil.

FURIOUS FIGHTING RAGING UNABATED IN SHAN STATES

Rangoon, February 6 (Domei)—Nippon forces on the Northern Burma front are at present engaging the enemy along the line of the Shweli River, Northern Shan States.

Since Feb. 2 the enemy 50th and Indian 36th divisions in this sector began a southward advance. Part of enemy forces reached a point opposite Molo on the southern bank of the river, and under cover of fierce artillery fire, attempted to cross the river. Nippon units strongly entrenched in the hilly section south of Molo are carrying out fierce counter-attacks against the enemy.

Meanwhile, another section of enemy forces also attempted to cross the river from a point just across Miytson but however were routed by Nippon forces at the water's edge. The enemy however has not given up attempts to advance southward across the river and at present heavy fighting is under way.

Great German Defensive War On Eastern Front

Berlin, Feb. 6 (Domei)—The last 24 hours on the Eastern Front were characterized by the most tenacious German defence against continually increasing Soviet attacks, frontline dispatches said. The concentration of Soviet forces in their tactics to infiltrate into the German country at several points rather than on a broad front became particularly conspicuous on the Silesian-Oder front. No fighting of importance took place between Ratibor and Glogau but in the neighbouring fighting regions of Brieg and Steinau operations on a large scale developed preceded by artillery bombardment with a display of tanks and large masses of infantry. South-east of Brieg the enemy succeeded in expanding his bridgehead in spite of stubborn German resistance, the Fuehrer's headquarters communique said.

Soviet attacks against German defences east of Frankfurt on the Oder and against Kuestrin were repulsed, the German High Command announced. The Soviets yesterday succeeded in penetrating into the city centre of Posen and grim house-to-house fighting is progressing there, the Fuehrer's Headquarters communique said. In the southern part of Pomerania and West Prussia the Soviets attacked unsuccessfully. Fifty-one Soviet tanks and 71 guns were destroyed in this fighting. The German garrison of Elbing defended itself grimly against the rushing Soviets. Along the entire front in East Prussia bitter fighting continued.

German counter-attacking formations reduced enemy breaches, the German communique said.

In Courland the day passed without important fighting action. In the area around Budapest the German garrison continued resisting the Soviets attacking with superior forces.

On the Western Front the British and Americans continued along the entire Roer front their reconnaissance activity partly under the strong cover of an artificial fog. In the area of Schleiden, east of Monschau, German troops repulsed numerous enemy attacks. German formations in the Vosges sector fought their way back across the river as ordered. The enemy trying to interfere with the detaching movements was repulsed. Enemy attacks launched on Ensisheim after severe artillery fire failed with heavy losses for the enemy.

In Italy enemy reconnaissance thrusts south of Bologna failed. American terror bombers in daylight yesterday bombed Regensburg and other localities in southern Germany.

Charity Workers Hold Conference; Many Vital Proposals Discussed; Important Decisions Arrived At

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Syonan, February 7 (Domei)—Responding spontaneously to the call of the distressed, about 100 prominent charity workers of this city, representing all communities and sects, held a conference at one of Syonan's leading Chinese temples yesterday afternoon and fully discussed various measures for the relief of the poor in an effort to ameliorate the plight of the distressed people of this island and put into practice the spirit of co-existence and racial harmony.

The meeting, held under the auspices of the recently-formed Chinese Charitable Institutions' Union, was unique in that it brought together for the first time in the history of this city, Christian padres of all denominations, Chinese monks, Hindu priests and representatives of the Muslim high priest as well as officials of the various community welfare organizations, all of whom sat around one large table and frankly exchanged views on the subject of assisting the poor of this city.

Among those present at the conference were the Chief of the Public Welfare Department of the Syonan Special Municipality, Mamoru Shinozaki, who presided, Acting Bishop of Syonan the Right Rev. D. D. Chelliah, the Rev. Father Stephen Lee of the Catholic Church, the Rev. Chew Hock Hin of the Methodist Mission, the Rev. John T. Handy of the Protestant Church, and representatives of the Little Sisters of the Poor, the French Convent, the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus, the Buddhist Association, the Ramakrishna Mission, the Mariamman Temple, the Chettiars' Temple, the Indian Welfare Association, the Indian Muslims Service Corps, the Eurasian Welfare Association and other welfare bodies. Chairman Lim Soo Siam and Vice-Chairman Tan Theng Chiang as well as Yap Pheng Geck, prominent figures in the organization of the Charitable Institutions' Union, represented the Union.

Following reports by the various representatives of charity organizations and a full discussion of a scheme of future collaboration in relief work among all charitable institutions, which will include medical treatment, feeding, housing, burials, emergency work and general service, the meeting unanimously passed a resolution which reads as follows:—

"We, the Charitable Institutions of Syonan, hereby resolve that we shall work together sincerely and wholeheartedly, unceasingly and persistently to promote the welfare of all peoples of Syonan-to, irrespective of race, colour or creed, by propagating for a wider and stronger spirit of giving and sharing and by serving so as to bring about a state of affairs in our midst whereby as long as there is food, there shall be no hunger, as long as there is shelter, none shall be homeless, as long as there is means, there shall be no destitution; the strong shall help the weak, the rich shall help the poor, the fortunate shall help the less fortunate, one and all shall help one another until there shall be no distress in our midst."

During the conference, several concrete proposals were put forward by the conferees, which will be put into effect shortly.

The Chinese Charitable Institutions' Union, under which organization all welfare bodies will henceforth work, has it may be recalled, already collected over one million dollars and large quantities of medicines and foodstuffs for relief work.

Enemy Raids On Nippon Mainland Prove Costly

Tokyo, February 7 (Domei)—In eight months since June last year when the enemy first raided northern Kyushu, the United States has lost approximately 890 B-29's and personnel totalling more than 5,200 in raids against Nippon, according to the Asahi Shimbun.

That the highly publicized "super-forts" have failed to live up to expectations in raids against the Nippon mainland is attested to by General H. Arnold's feverish reshuffling of the United States 20th and 21st Bomber Commands as well as reinforcing the Mariana airbase in an attempt to gain better results, the paper says.

Our defence units during the month of January shot down 72 B-29's and heavily damaged 176 for a grand total of 248 for the first month of 1945, the Asahi continues. Furthermore, it says, if those enemy planes heavily damaged and set ablaze by our air units over the Mariana airbase and Suichuan airfield are taken into account, the number of enemy planes bagged would total 298 for the month of January. The paper further estimates that enemy planes lost due to bad flying conditions, faulty takeoffs and landings on night bombing missions, faulty navigation, lack of fuel and other cases would bring the B-29 loss to approximately 340 during the month of January alone.

The loss of personnel of B-29's is the heaviest blow to the United States, much heavier than the loss of planes, the Asahi says. It adds that B-29 personnel losses in the month of January alone when 340 "super forts" were lost totalled approximately 1,200 airmen. It says in eight months since June last year more than 5,200 American airmen lost their lives at the hands of our air units.

As compared with the loss of the crews manning enemy fighters the loss of B-29 crews is tremendous, the Asahi says, pointing out it can be assumed that there are at least a minimum of 12 riding a single B-29. Furthermore, it takes at least six months to train a man before he is able to be of any use as a member of a B-29.

The paper declares as time passes more and more B-29's will be shot down or damaged by our air defence units who are constantly improving their technique of combatting these leviathans of the air. The funeral procession of B-29's will continue to grow, the Asahi says in conclusion.

Anti-Axis Sponsored Belgian Govt. Tottering

Lisbon, Feb. 6 (Domei)—The anti-Axis-sponsored Belgian Government, headed by Dr. Hubert Pierlot, today was strongly criticized in a crowded and tense Senate in the opening day of the debate which will decide the fate of the Government, according to a Reuter's message from Brussels.

Socialist Deputy Buset is said to have accused the Government of slackness in the "purge program" and its indifference towards the resistance movement and ugred the formation of a new Government.

Buset declared that the new Premier will have to select his colleagues from capable elements of various parties, including the Communists.

Defending the Government's policy, Premier Pierlot said, "What I feared and foresaw has come to pass." He complained that there has been no support of the Government outside Parliament and hinted at the desire to be relieved of his post.

The debate was adjourned until tomorrow.

Meantime, Reuter reported that Robert Gillon, President of the Belgian Senate, is considered as a possible successor to Pierlot in the event the present Cabinet falls.

Britain Plans Thorough Exploitation Of India

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to lowering the already low standard of living of the Indian masses. Thus, reprehensible as all this downright plunder of India's material resources is, more atrocious is the concurrent drain on India's precious manhood.

According to British accounts themselves, thousands of Indians, used as cannon fodder, perished in North Africa, Italy, France, Burma, etc., fighting for British imperialism. How many more young men will have perished thus before this war is over. All this is a tragic waste of Indian lives. I can understand Britishers dying for the perpetuation of their imperialist power all over the world. But, I cannot understand why an Indian, unless he is strongly coerced, should ever risk his limb or life for the sake of monstrous imperialism that is relentlessly squeezing his country's blood dry.

not obtain more food shipments for France.

The London Daily Telegraph recently also admitted that the French food situation was becoming more serious daily and something must be done or there will be an estrangement between France and the Anglo-American powers.

Muslims To Celebrate Prophet's Birthday Here

Muslims in Syonan in common with other parts of the Islamic world will celebrate the birthday of Prophet Mohamed on Saturday the 24th instant.

Shorn of all pomp and show in view of the decisive stage of the war, the anniversary observance will be confined to the reading of the life history of the Prophet and addresses on the significance of the day which will take place in all the Mosques with the Sultan Mosque as the centre of celebration at 5.30 p.m. (T.T.), according to a recent decision of the Chief Kathi's Consultative Committee.

On the folowing day there will be a tea party at the Istana Kampong Glam when Government officials and leaders of all communities will be entertained.

The Chief Kathi appeals to those generous Muslims to send any sum of money they may wish to spend for the occasion to the Chief Kathi's Consultative Committee, 58 Bussorah Street, which the committee will distribute among the poor.

Syonan Muslims To Donate To War Fund

With a view to raising collections to the Syonan Muslim Contribution to War Fund, the Chief Kathis's Consultative Committee has appointed the following gentlemen to assist in the collection of donations to the Fund:—

MALAI SECTION

Haji Yunos b. H. A. Majid, Haji Taha b. Hassan, Kathi Ibrahim b. H. Ramly, Tuan Mohamed Hassan b. Awang, Tuan Zainalabideen b. Ahmad, Raja Ariff, Dato Puteh, Tuan Ibrahim b Kipong, Tengku Putra, Haji Idris, Haji Abdullah.

INDIAN SECTION.

Tuan T. A. M. Abdul Aziz, Tuan Abdul Ghani, Tuan B. Mohamed Ibrahim, Tuan K. M. Abdul Razak, Tuan M. Mohamad Shariff, Tuan K. M. Abdul Kassim, Tuan C. H. Aboo, Syed T. P. Thanggal, Haji A. Mohamed Hussain.

ARAB SECTION.

Tuan Ibrahim b. Omar Alsagoff, Tuan Abdullah b. Shaikh Belfageh, Tuan Mohamed b. Ahmad Alkaff, Tuan Abdulrahman b. Abdullah Jabbar, Tuan Abdullah bin Ahmben Yahya. Tuan Edross bin Zain Al-hadi.

The Chief Kathi particularly appeals to the Muslim wealthy circles to give their maximum support to this worthy cause.

Misery And Sufferings In "Liberated" France

Lisbon, Feb. 6 (Domei)—Despair, disillusion and cynicism permeate "liberated" France as it is becoming more and more apparent to the French people that the Anglo-American powers are unable to carry out their promises to alleviate widespread French suffering, according to a London Daily Mail dispatch received here.

The French people are said to be beginning to feel the United States and Britain will be responsible for the suffering of the population if they do

Feast Of Our Lady Of Lourdes On Sunday

The patronal Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated on Sunday, 11th February, at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes (Indian Parish) Ophir Road, Syonan. Low Mass is at 8 a.m. and the Solemn High Mass at 9.30 a.m. (T.T.). In the afternoon Vespers begin at 6.30 (T.T.) and the the Statue of Our Lady of Lourdes will be carried in procession, concluding with the Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament.

SYONAN CATTLE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

The above Association has been formed with effect from 1st February, 2605. All cattle owners in Syonan are required to come and register their livestock at the Association premises at No. 317, Serangoon Road, (Corner of Owen Road and Serangoon Road).

A nominal fee of $2 per animal (Cow, bull, buffalo, calf) will be charged. The hours during which payment may be made is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (T.T.).

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